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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer to DCI****SUBJECT: Reports to NSC and JCS**

1. As I mentioned to you the other day, the question of reports to both the NSC and the JCS has been raised.

2. You will remember that it became a matter of practice in the past for us to make an annual report to the NSC on our 5412 activities. I have had some research done to see what the basis for this report was and have been informed that none could be found and that presumably, therefore, it arose from some informal request by the former administration or some informal arrangement between the Boss and the former administration. Part of the accepted practice was to give this report around 1 March each year. It is my strong recommendation that we do not raise this matter and that we do nothing about it unless it is raised by the new administration. There is no reason, that I can think of, why the whole NSC should be privileged to hear such a report and those members of the new administration who should hear about it sit on the 5412 Group where they have received a thorough briefing. Other individuals having a need-to-know are, of course, briefed as necessary.

3. With regard to the JCS report, the situation is the same with respect to underlying authority, i.e., it came about as the result of an informal agreement between the DCI and the Joint Chiefs. You may recollect that we have vacillated between doing it every six weeks and every three months. The last understanding was to do it every three months but we have not undertaken a formal one for about six months. Nevertheless, the Boss and General Cabell have been to JCS meetings and quite recently attended one on the Cuban Project that also got into some other subjects. My recommendation, for what it is worth, on this report is again to do nothing about it unless the matter is raised by the Joint Chiefs. It seems to me that there are enough specific matters requiring the DCI to meet with the Joint Chiefs to make it unnecessary to have a fixed schedule. Moreover, the Joint Chiefs are fully aware of the fact that whenever a topic of particular interest to them comes up, they need only telephone a request and the DCI, or some appropriate CIA representative, will join them for a discussion at their next convenient meeting.

4. Please let me know the outcome of the above so that we will know where we stand.

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CONTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

No written requirement for periodic reporting to NSC  
or JCS on 5412 matters can be found, therefore suggest  
discontinuing reporting.

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